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## Cassis tax cut signed into law

Measure only 'first step' of tax restructuring

**LANSING** – State Sen. Nancy Cassis today announced that the initial phase of tax reform was complete after Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed Senate Bill 634 into law as Public Act 295 of 2005. The measure, sponsored by Cassis, gives a tax advantage to Michigan-based businesses who export goods as opposed to those who are based outside of Michigan but conduct business here. This will provide tax cuts totaling approximately \$75 million during those four years.

"The first step of tax relief for our struggling manufacturing sector is now done," said Cassis, R-Novi and chair of the Senate Finance Committee. "We have more to do, particularly in regards to helping small businesses and a comprehensive restructuring of our tax code. Our goal is to make Michigan's economy second to none."

In total, the governor also approved companion legislation that along with Cassis' bill provides approximately \$600 million in tax relief to major job providers in Michigan. The package creates property tax credits to reduce business liabilities, offers tax incentives for business to move jobs into Michigan and preserves Delphi's and Visteon's current tax status, protecting them from massive tax hikes at the end of the year.